

Background and methodology

The aim of the Emergency Needs Tracking (ENT) System is to track the key priority needs of internally displaced persons (IDPs) in northwest Syria, as well as identifying communities with households in direct need of humanitarian assistance. The ENT assesses communities that have experienced any of the following in the three days prior to data collection: more than 40 IDP arrivals, natural hazards (including storms, fires, and flooding), conflict escalation, or any other event which impacts humanitarian needs. This information should serve to better inform immediate humanitarian operations, as well as provide a wider contextual understanding of the ongoing situation. As the humanitarian situation remains complex, it is critical to fill information gaps across sectors to ensure a well-coordinated humanitarian response.

Data was collected between 14 December and 20 December (excluding Friday and Saturday). Information was collected via a Key Informant (KI) methodology with one KI interview conducted per community. Findings should be considered indicative only. 146 communities, including 10 camps, were assessed overall across northern Aleppo and Idlib governorates. **The full dashboard can be accessed [here](#) and the full catalogue of datasets can be accessed [here](#).**

Protection

Percentage of assessed communities in which KIs reported the presence of newly-arrived IDPs with the following vulnerability types:¹

	%
Women headed households	33%
Elderly headed households	26%
Orphans	12%
Women travelling alone	3%
Elderly travelling alone	3%
Child headed households/children travelling alone	3%

Food security

Most commonly reported food sources for newly-arrived IDPs in assessed communities:³

1 Stores/markets in this community	91%
2 Stores/markets in other communities	60%
3 Relying on food stored previously	39%

98% of newly-arrived IDP households (1,309) were reportedly eating one meal or more per day

Shelter

Number and percentage of newly-arrived IDP households by shelter type:²

	#	%
Solid/finished buildings	636	48%
Functioning tents	428	33%
Unfinished/ damaged buildings	228	17%
Designated collective centres	27	2%
Residing without any form of shelter	0	0%
Makeshift shelter	0	0%

NFI Non-Food Items (NFIs)

Number and percentage of newly-arrived IDP households without the following NFIs:²

	#	%
Households without fuel for heating	905	69%
Households without fuel for cooking	431	33%
Households without cooking utensils	235	18%
Households without bedding	229	17%
Households without mattresses	221	17%

Livelihoods

Most commonly reported currency used for purchasing basic/essential commodities:³

1 Turkish Lira	70%
2 Syrian Pound	23%
3 United States Dollar	8%

Health

98%

of newly-arrived IDP households (1,315) reportedly could access essential healthcare

[View the interactive dashboard here](#)

This factsheet is supplementary to the interactive ENT dashboard which is updated on a daily basis with up-to-date information on humanitarian needs across northwest Syria.

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¹ KIs could choose from multiple answer options so answers may exceed 100%

² Refers to percentage of total newly-arrived IDP households

³ Refers to percentage of assessed communities

✦ IDP Priority Needs

Top ranked priority needs for newly-arrived IDPs
(by % of 146 assessed communities where KIs selected a first, second, and third priority need for IDPs):³

Type	First priority need (# of assessed communities reporting)	First priority need (% of assessed communities reporting)	Second priority need (# of assessed communities reporting)	Second priority need (% of assessed communities reporting)	Third priority need (# of assessed communities reporting)	Third priority need (% of assessed communities reporting)
Winterisation kits	16	12%	37	27%	35	25%
Multi-purpose cash grants	84	61%	18	13%	9	7%
Cash for rent	4	3%	6	4%	4	3%
Tools for repair	0	0%	2	1%	1	1%
New/additional shelters	11	8%	16	12%	4	3%
Food rations (in-kind)	18	13%	30	22%	43	31%
Cash for work	1	1%	7	5%	13	9%
Employment support	0	0%	1	1%	3	2%
NFI kits	4	3%	17	12%	22	16%
Water provision/rehabilitation	0	0%	1	1%	2	1%
Latrine and or bathing provision/rehabilitation	0	0%	1	1%	0	0%
Education support	0	0%	2	1%	1	1%
Medicines and other commodities	0	0%	0	0%	1	1%

💧 Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH)

Most commonly reported drinking water sources for newly-arrived IDP households in assessed communities:^{1,3}

- 1 Combination of water network and private water 42%
- 2 Informal water trucking conducted by private citizens 41%
- 3 Formal water trucking conducted by authorities or an NGO 23%

3% of newly-arrived IDP households (35) reportedly did not have access to a sufficient quantity of drinking water, while 3% (45) reportedly did not have access to a sufficient quantity of water for other purposes such as cooking, bathing, and washing

11% of newly-arrived IDP households (142) reportedly did not have access to functioning hand-washing facilities with water and soap

3% of newly-arrived IDP households (39) reportedly did not have access to a functioning toilet

60% In 87 communities, KIs reported that soap and hygiene items are too expensive for some newly-arrived IDPs

🚚 Humanitarian Assistance

58%

In 85 communities, KIs reported that the preferred modality of assistance for newly-arrived IDPs was cash/ voucher assistance

93%

In 136 communities, KIs reported that no barriers were present for humanitarian actors when accessing the community

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